



# Stormwater Best Management Practices Fact Sheet Series

## Auto Recycling Facilities

The automobile is one of the most recycled products in the United States. But, improper collection and storage of fluids, used parts, solid wastes, tires, oil contaminated scrap parts and incoming wrecked vehicles can cause significant stormwater pollution. Stormwater runoff can carry oils, antifreeze, and metals off your facility and into our rivers and lakes without being treated.



### What can you do to prevent pollution?



- Drain fluids from vehicles and parts as soon as possible
- Do not dispose of fluids in sinks or storm drains; store in sealed containers indoors or under cover prior to disposal
- Dismantle and store vehicles and parts in areas that are paved, covered, and bermed
- Place drip pans under leaking vehicles; empty and clean regularly
- Use secondary containment to avoid spills
- Wash or rinse parts indoors, in designated, contained areas
- Clean up any spills using dry clean-up methods
- Store batteries indoors in a contained area until they can be recycled
- Remove any mercury-containing switches prior to crushing; store and dispose of properly
- Inspect the facility regularly; repair or replace any damaged containment areas or storage containers
- Train employees in best management practices and spill clean-up procedures



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